HE CANNOT SEE JUDGE OR JURY.

Remarkable Trial of "Blind Bill' for the Murder of Conrad Barber.

A Sightless Companion Mendicant the Star Witness in the Case.

He Picks the Fatal Blade Out of a Score of Knives Placed Before Him.

LAWYERS COULD NOT DECEIVE HIM.

Sensational Tilt Between Prosecutor Mc-Intyre and Walter Bahan, the Prisoner's Counsel-The Charge Is Changed to Manslaughter.

Two blind men, one on trial for his life, the other a witness called by the prosecution to convict, yet trying to save the prisoner with whom he had travelled for years, were the chief characters in a picture in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court yesterday which neither judge, jury nor spectators can readily

"Old Blind Bill" was the man on trial, charged with murder in the first degree. In the indictment he is named as William Kenney, but few persons on the East Side, from the Battery to Forty-second street, would know him by such a name. Yet in that district nine out of every ten persons knew him well as "Blind Bill."

In the day time he sold pencils at dif. Then I asked him what it was all about his testimony was unimportant.

and he has been on the streets ever since ekeing out a living as best he could. His home was anywhere that the small hours of the morning found him, generally in the cheapest kind of a lodging house, where he paid ten or fifteen cents for a bed.

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A single glance satisfied Agent King that the father and mother and baby had but the father and mother and baby had but one chance for life. In less than a life in the stove, were changed and other knives were change FELL BLEEDING TO THE FLOOR

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That ended the officer's direct examation, and Lawyer Bahan, for the blind man, found himself at the lodging house, No. 111 Elizabeth street, which is run by Mrs. Martha Kimmer, and where he had been first found him?" the lawyer asked. before. The blind man was considerably "'We were fighting, and the blind man under the influence of liquor and without cut me,' is what Barber said," the wita cent in money. As he crossed the threshold the lodging house keeper demanded the price of his bed-fifteen cents-and, as he could not produce it, he was told to get In detail the story told by Barber, which

Kenney said he would do nothing of the During its recital Mr. McIntyre became

Conrad Barber, a Bonemian, a mendicant and a companion of Kenney, got up also.

The bilind man jostled against him and there was a struggle. Then Barber cried all the testimony brought out on cross-expose that there was no evidence showing murder in the first or second degree, and there was no evidence showing murder in the first or second degree, and therefore asked that these two counts in therefore asked that these two counts in out that he had been stabbed, and, after amination, stricken from the minutes, and maying so, he fell to the floor.

"Blind Bill" made his way downstairs "I know my business, just as well as you and stood at the hall door, where he was know yours," retorted Mr. Bahan. "I do a little rust, which was always there." finally arrested. The injured man was not want to take back one single answer taken to a hospital and died there two days made by this witness. I want the whole story tohl."

HE WAS DRINKING IN EVERY WORD. When the case was called for trial yesterpointed out the position in which the prismay "Blind Bill" was led across the "Bridge of Sighs" and down to the court room. As he took the chair usually devoted to prisoners he seemed to be the least concerned of any of those present. The fact that the total was to take place was well known. trial was to take place was well known, and as a result the court room was crowded. All eyes were on "Blind Bill," who sat beside lawyer, Walter Bahan, Justice Gildersleeve was on the bench, Assistant District Attorney John E. McIntyre was there is prosecute. The witnesses were in

While the work of selecting a jury was Silver Tounted mirg sing on Blind Bill's face seemed to wear a bored expression. It was a handsome rors, combs, hair brushes, face at that, with a well-kept mustache and the head crowned with ant-brown hair, bonnet brushes and all The sightless eyes were all that marred other toilet articles, of the expression. He was nearly dressed and wore a blue cravat and clean collar. The jury having been selected, the blind

nan listened with an air of attention to beauty and value of which the Assistant District-Attorney outlining what the prosecution hoped to prove. At t mes he would throw his head back, as if drinking in every word. Then he would lean his head on his hand and knit his

Although the indictment charged murder In the first degree, Mr. McIntyre did not have enough facts, or legal evidence rather to prove such a crime. Barber, before his death, had made a statement, charging Kenney with the offence, but the statement had not been made in legal form, and he could not introduce it. Upon this fact rested one of the many scenes which took place later during the course of the trial.

ADMITTED HE HAD CUT BARBER.

The first witness called was Policeman Edward E. McLaughlin, of the Seventh Precinct. He said he had been on duty from midnight of Christmas until 6 o'clock the next morning. He described Mrs. Kimmel's lodging house and told how he first saw her at 12:30 o'clock, when she asked him to put out the blind man, but did not

press her request.
"It was shortly after 3 o'clock in the morning," continued the witness, "when I was notified to go into the house, as some one had been stabbed. I ran upstairs, opened the door and found Barber lying on the floor. He had a wound in the left grots

and one in the neck. "When I went to the house first Kenney

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the prosecution could not legally bring out.

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"Right here, however," Mr. McIntyre

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we add by artistic marking.

THEODORE B. STARR,

206 FIFTH AVE., MADISON SQUARE.

"Blind Bill," was on trial yesterday in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court for the murder of Conrad Barber, a Bohemian mendicant. The testimony of James F. McDonald, who is also blind, dld much to cause the charge to be changed to one of manslaughter. McDonald, out of a score of knives, identified the fatal blade as belonging to Barber.

said, "I want it to go on record that I objected to thist testimony, and that the blame will attach to the defendant's attorney for any miscarriage of justice."

Dr. Edward J. Donlin, Coroner's Physiclan, who made the autopsy on the body of Barber, told of the wounds he found. The one on the abdomen was an inch and a half wide. There was one on either side of the neck. He also found six small wounds in the intestines.

Dr. Chandler, who assisted in the auto the one which the witness held in his hand. He placed them on the table beside to her breast. There was one thin him, and then taking back the first knife, him, and the edges of it to her house and what followed, as given above. William Knoting, a boarder in her house, who spoke with Barber immediate in given the spoke with Barber immediate in given the spoke with Barber immediate. In given the spoke with Barber immediate in given the spoke with Barber immediate. In given the spoke with given the spo ly ufter the stabbing, was then called, but

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He was a man and a good friend of mine." more of his story, McDonald said:
"Did you ever know Kenney to carry a "I have been out many a night pocket-knife?" asked Mr. McIntyre.

time, but he never carried one." PICKED OUT BARBER'S KNIFE.

"Is it possible for you to tell one knife from another?" asked the prosecutor.
"Yes," McDonald replied. "It is true disposition and never seemed satisfied." that I am blind, but I can tell anything

street for a policeman. In the meantime the blind man had made his way up to the blind man had made his way up to the secute. While representing the people, I to find the blind man grasped it he ran the fronts of his fingers over the handle. Then he of time there has not been a particle of evidence to convict this blind prisoner of murder influence of the drink, arose and walked him with a knife secute. While representing the people, I through an unfortunate lnadvertence, has been derived been derived about the corridor. About the same time client, which ought not to go to the jury.

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The manner and then the first of the blades, influence of the drink, arose and walked about the corridor. About the same time client, which ought not to go to the jury. It was an ordinary pocket-knife, and as the blind man grasped it he ran the fronts of his fingers over the handle. Then he opend the blades, felt the edges in like manner and then the flat of the blades. Half a dozen witnesses testified to the good character of the prisoner, among them being some of the keepers at the Tombs. It took him fully two minutes to do this, during which time a pin could have been heard had it been dropped in the court
that Barber had attacked him with a knife and cut him before he took the knife from him, and struck back.

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Before adjournment Mr. McIntyre referred to the scene which had occurred to the said:

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Barber?" "Because on one of the blades there is manslaughter.

William Kenney, familiarly known as

opened a satchel and took from it ten pocket-knives, nearly all of them similar to the one which the witness held in his one corner of the room. She was shivering

and from passers by, sometimes with Kenney, sometimes alone, and sometimes Barber would come along with us, when he would ask for alms. Kenney was a good player on the harmonlea, and we used to sing together. The three of us were companions, but Barber was of a quarrelsome disposition and never seemed satisfied.

For the defence, Dr. Ward, the Tombs physician, testified to dressing the would in the defendant's hand on his arrival at the prison. Blind Bill had then told him the dark of the state of the corne, the baby, and had no possible chance for life. Loreno, the baby, and had no possible chance for life. Loreno, the baby, and had no possible chance only in the doctors agreed, could not live.

As for Peter Clinelli himself, he has been that the prison. Blind Bill had then told him the doctors say his condition is he serious.

THE MAN'S STORY. "No, sir," cried the witness quickly. "I ney, sometimes alone, and sometimes Barasked him for the loan of a knife many a ber would come along with us, when he

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therefore asked that these two counts in "How do you know the knife belonged to the indictment be dismissed and that the case go to the jury on the simple one of

This course was pursued, and the ad-

MOTHER AND CHILD

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ger and exposure. Agent King, of the Gerry Society, found these three and the three other children who are members of Peter Cinrelli's luck less family Monday morning, huddled together in one room of the tumble-down tenement in the rear of No. 136 Mott street. The mother was lying on a bed in

"Here are some other knives. Try if you cannot find one similar to the one you bed, and on it lay Peter Cinrelli himself.

DID NOT HAVE A BLANKET.

that time I never heard a bad word spoken about him. On the contrary, everybody liked him, and he was known everywhere.

He was a man and a good friend of mine."

"Did you ever know Kenney to carry a "I have been out many a night asking Gerry Society. Half an hour after the satisfied Agent King that a day than one would imagine could be sold in a month. Why? There are no chance for life. In less than an hour they were at Bellevue, and the three hum, and the three hum, and the was a man and a good friend of mine."

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